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Subject [AIN] Re: manuscript for PRB review

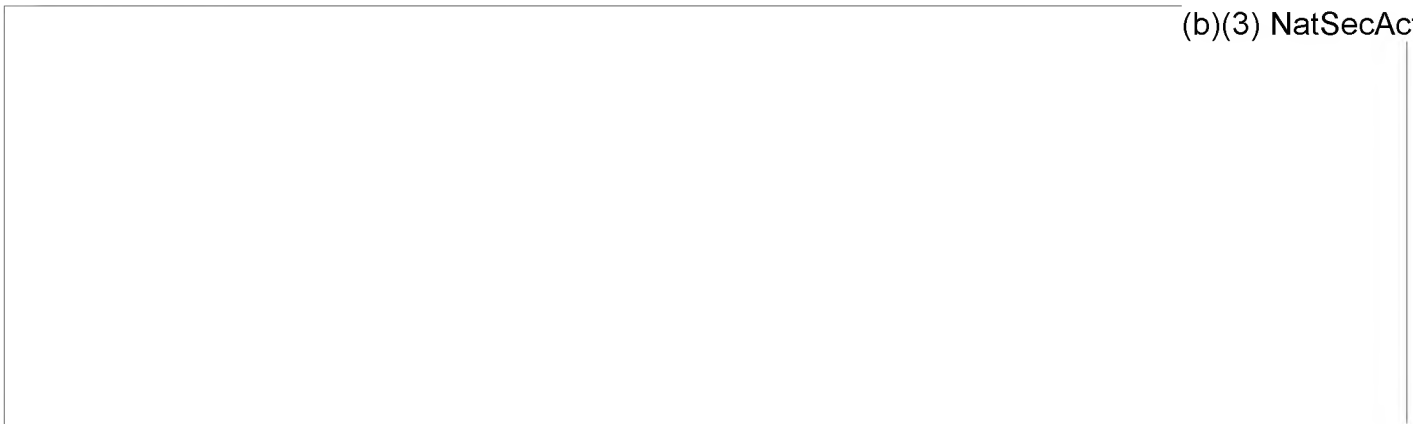
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19 June 2007

Dear Publications Review Board,

Regarding the manuscript submitted to the PRB on 10 April 2007, working title *Bureaucratic Obstacles to National Security*, under the name [redacted] and the PRB response of 22 May 2007 signed by [redacted] telephoned on 7 June 2007 and left a message asking me to call him. I've called every working day since 7 June and left a message each time with my name and phone number, but have not received a response.

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As I mentioned in my message of 1 June 2007, the PRB's handling of this manuscript is unusual in that PRB policy with all other manuscripts has been to provide a written response detailing passages the PRB wants removed or rewritten. I've requested such a written response.

I do not believe the manuscript contains classified information. It is critical of the organization, however, and I'm concerned that the PRB sees its mission not as a protector of classified information but rather as a censor of information deemed critical of the organization.

Yours sincerely,



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[redacted] wrote:

Date: Fri, 1 Jun 2007 09:44:05 -0700 (PDT)

From: [redacted] (b)(6)

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CC: [redacted] (b)(6)

1 June 2007

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I am concerned that the PRB sees its role as censor of manuscripts critical of the organization. Books which are critical of the President of the United States but are neutral or complimentary to the organization, such as the recent Tenet and [redacted] memoirs, appear to sail through the PRB review process with minimal changes, even when they contain detailed operational information. (b)(6)

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Dear [redacted] (b)(6)

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[redacted] PRB Staff

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> 10 April 2007

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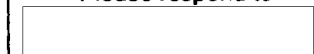
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22 May 2007

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Dear (b)(6)

We have completed our review of your manuscript entitled *Bureaucratic Obstacles to national Security*. ~~I am sorry to report that, after careful review, we cannot approve any portion of your manuscript. We determined that publication of this manuscript would~~ (b)(3) NatSecAct

~~That said, we believe that your manuscript could be rewritten in such a way that would not cause harm and we are available to discuss such an option.~~

As you may know, our procedures allow you to request our reconsideration of this decision. If you wish to do so, please send a letter with your reconsideration request along with any additional information for consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at (b)(6) if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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